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Applicants

Guy Krippner et al.

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Examiner

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 17, 2004, please extend the period of time for response one month, to expire on October 18, 2004 (October 17 being a Sunday). Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

Reconsideration of this application in view of the following comments is respectfully requested.

By Office Action mailed August 17, 2004, the Examiner has entered a two-way Restriction Requirement as set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. In response to the same, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the Group I claims - that is, claims 14-18 drawn to a compound of formula 1. Applicants further elect the species of compound 50 for purpose of initial examination.

In view of the above remarks, consideration of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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